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it's a little confusing for us who weren't on the committee to know whose bill is what amendment, et cetera, et cetera. So I do have just a few questions, and also a comment. I have had some discussions with Senator Redfield about this bill. And I am pleased to see that added into the bill is the opportunity for certain children who haven't reached the age of five by September 1, according to the last amendment, will have the opportunity to be tested. Now I've got a couple of questions about that, Senator Redfield, if you wouldn't mind.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Redfield, would you respond?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator Schimek, the bill is divided between LB 868, which only dealt with ages 16 to 18, and LB 934, which was actually Senator Stuhr's bill, on kindergarteners. I absolutely support her bill, but you may want to address your questions on the kindergarten portion to Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I will do that then. Senator Stuhr, if you wouldn't mind? Thank you.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Stuhr, in the amendment, AM2960, which I believe is the amendment that you're carrying,...

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...it says that the child who would be admitted before they were five on September...now wait, let me say that again. The one that wouldn't be five yet could have until December 31 if assessed properly. Now prior to this time, the current law says that the child has to demonstrate capability through a recognized assessment procedure. And as I recall--and that was my bill that set this up--that recognized procedure had to be one picked by the school system. Is that correct? And if so, then do they have a mandated assessment procedure under this new amendment?